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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
DEGRADING A WEB IN THE MACHINE
DIRECTION WHILE PRESERVING CROSS-
MACHINE DIRECTION STRENGTH

Inventors: Paul J. Ruthven et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 66 pages, including 12 independent claims and 123 claims total.
2. Drawings- 13 sheets of drawings (Figures 1A-17D).
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Basic Application Filing Fee				\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims	Basic	Extra Claims		
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Independent Claims	12	-	3	9	x \$84 756.00
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Enclosures:

1. Transmittal Letter (3 pages)
 2. Application 66 pages including 12 Independent claims and 123 claims total
 3. 13 Sheets of Formal Drawings - Figures 1A-17D
 4. Receipt Postcard
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